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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1: Please insert the following as the first sentence:

--This application is a U.S. National Phase Application under 35 USC 371 of International Application PCT/JP00/05670 (not published in English) filed August 24, 2000.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute amended claims 1, 5 and 6 and add new claims 7-11 as follows:

1. (amended) A therapeutic appliance for treating dissecting aortic aneurysms comprising providing a stretchable bag-like element on and along the end portion of a